lopments with those which have been imported that has been the programme. Now I have here in front of me a list which clearly says when the Prithvi will be deployed, when the Trishul will be deployed, when the Nag will be deployed and, of course, Akash. The Agni missile we don't, at the moment, talk of and all these dates are now in the range between 1992 and 1993, just around the corner in time. In the sense that our missile programme is rushing ahead to take over the problems of absolescence and, therefore, we are right in the forefront of the things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 264.

*264. [*The questioner (Shri Ramdas Agarwal) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 40 infra.]

Review of Implementation of non-formal Education Programme

*265. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:†

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindu dated the 15th August, 1990 under caption "States not well disposed to non-formal Education;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed implementation of this programme during the last few years;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof;

(d) whether Government have decided to discontinue this programme; and

(e) if not what scheme has been chalked out to make it more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Yes Sir.

The NFE Scheme has been reviewed from time to time in various meetings and consultations with State Governments, meetings of the Central Advisory Board of Education, visits to States etc. The reviews have shown that there is need for

(i) greater investment of resources on improving the quality of non-formal education programmes;

(ii) strengthening the administrative and technical resource support systems of the programme;

(iii) improving the selection and training procedures of NEFE instructors;

(iv) developing mechanisms for entry from formal to NFE system and vice-versa;

(v) setting up proper managerial information and monitoring systems for programme.

No. Sir.

Revision of the Scheme will be considered in the light, *inter alia,* of the recommendations of the National Policy on Education Review Committee.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sir the statement which has been laid on the Table of the House is full of generalities and gives an impression that the Government is not really serious about the non-formal eduation.. It is mentioned in the reply "greater investment of resources on improving the quality of non-formal education programmes strengthening the administrative and technical resource support system of the programme improving the selection and training procedures of NFE instructors" are required. Now are we going to start it *de novo* or

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Sardar Jagjit Singh Aurora.

what we have achieved so far we are going to start improving upon them? May I know from the Minister what has been the achievement so far and in what department you intend to make further progress or is it that everything done so far has become useless and you are going to start it *de novo*?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir this programme was started in 1979. There are estimated 4 crores of drop-outs. Therefore, this has been reviewed several times. The State Government has to share 50 per cent of the expenditure. The State Governments are largely in favour of expansion of their primary and secondary education and for vertical mobilisation of the resources. They do not come forward for matching grants. That is one point. The voluntary agencies are doing something but we have found that it is not satisfactory. Therefore, we as well as the Working Group of the Eighth Plan have come to the conclusion that it requires a total over-hauling and, therefore, we talk of greater investment, new kind of training new kind of trainers, selection process, developing mechanism for entry and recently proper curriculum and think like that. It was considered at various levels, at higher level and at the Planning Commission level. So much more effort is to be done.

Regarding other details he can ask for separately.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Am I to understand that the previous scheme is being totally scrapped because it has proved useless? The Minister has also said that the NFE scheme has been reviewed, from time to time in various meetings and consultations with State Governments, meetings of the Central Advisory Board of Education, visits to States, etc. The review has been going on like this. Then, he says that the revision of the scheme will be considered in the light, *inter-alia*, of the recommendations of the National Policy on Education Review Committee. Has anything happened in this regard or is it that the new policy is still going to be chalked out?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: The Review Committee is going to submit its report by 6th November. Till then this programme is on. We have already consulted the Planning Commission. Some consultations are going on. The actual expenditure during last year, i.e. 1989-90, Rs. 32.95 crores. What was provided was more. But the States could not give the matching grants. Therefore, it is being considered that we may give 75 per cent grants to the States. There will be a greater monitoring. The expenditure per student may be raised. It is proposed to give two hours continuous training for two to three years to the students who are drop-outs so that they can come to the level of 1st to 5th standard. Sometimes we see that thet those who study seriously come to that level or even surpass that level. That is the position.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: What steps have been taken to encourage voluntary organisation in non-formal education? What steps have bee taken to review their functioning? How are the grants being used or misused? What steps have been taken to supervise them?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, in this Non-formal Education Scheme, the voluntary effort is 10 per cent. Last time we provided Rs. 50 crores and Rs. 10 crores were provided for them. Out of that money, they have used around Rs. 7 crores. We monitor closely. We think that some of them are giving good results. Therefore, we would like to continue their association with this scheme.

KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Sir, as I understand, the non-formal education forms a very integral part of the education system in our country. When I look at the replies given by the hon. Minister, it seems to me that there is a thinking to review of revive this particular scheme of non-formal education. This being really an integral part of the education system in the sense that we cannot provide school buildings, colleges and things like that and 75 per cent of our population is illiterate, I would like to know from the hon Minister whether ... will continue with the non-formal education and when they will be providing more finances to make it more vigorous.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Our view is to make it more vigorous, to provide more funds, to do more monitoring and to allow the use of school buildings at the local level by these non-formal education personnel.

*266. [*The questioner (Shri Kahnu Charan Lenka) was absent answer* vide *col.* 41-42 infra.]

Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts

*267. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:†

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts was given Rs. 14 crores for building purposes, out of a total Seventh Five Year Plan allocation of Rs. 60 crores for the Trust;

(b) whether the said trust has been allotted land; if so, the location thereof and what is the present stage of construction thereon;

(c) whether the trust members of IGNCA have a tenure of ten years and whether they are entitled to nominate their successors;

(d) what is the amount of interest accrued to the trust so far and its current expenditure;

(e) whether a Committee was recently appointed to look into irregularities in the composition of the IGNCA Trust; and

(f) what were the major findings of the Committee and the recommendations made by it to remove the irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMNBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) During the financial years 1987-88 and 1988 89, out of the Seventh Plan allocation of Rs. 60 crores, a total amount of Rs. 13.55 crores was given to the I.G.N.C.A. for constuction of its Building Complex, including the payment of premium for land and ground rent.

(b) Government in the Ministry of Urban Development sanctioned 22.949 acres of land to the IGNCA in the Cenral Vista area of New Delhi on 30-10-1987. The Centre has not yet taken formal possession of the land.

(c) Under the IGNCA Trust Deed, Trustees have a tenure of 10 years from the date of creation of the Trust. Two thirds of the trustees retire on completion of this ten-year tenure by drawing of lots. Out of this 2/3rds, 1/3rd is filled up by Government of India through nomination. The other 1/3rd is filled up from among retiring members nominating their successors by a stipulated date and in default Government of India may nominate against these vacancies.

(d) According to information furnished by IGNCA, the amount of interest earned year-wise from its Corpus Fund and the expenditure are as below:

Statement

Financial Year	Interest earned	Expenditure
	(Rupees in lakhs)	
1987-88	293.32	59.89
1988 89	358.50	145.89
1989-90	398.10	175.22
1990-91 (upto 31-7-1990)	138.84	121.44

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. G. Vijaya Mohan Reddy.